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SUBJECT: US LEGAL POSITION ON ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE

REF: STATE 176550; STATE 175558; BEIRUT 9405 (NOTAL)

1. DCM DROPPED OFF COPY OF CONTENTS STATE 176550 IN FORM AIDE MEMOIRE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS KHALIL HADDAD IN HIS INITIAL CALL ON HIM JULY 29. HADDAD REFERRED TO HIS OWN DOUBTS WHETHER THIS WAS A WISE MOVE FOR ARAB STATES TO PUSH, AS WELL AS PERSONAL DOUBTS ON SAME SCORE OF FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA (AS WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED).

2. HADDAD WAS VERY INTERESTED IN REPORT OF SADAT'S REMARKS AT KHARTOUM (KHARTOUM 1742; CAIRO 7356). HE REPEATED HIS PERSONAL JUDGMENT ALREADY GIVEN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER THAT, IF INTERIM AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL PRIOR TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ARABS ARE UNLIKELY TO PURSUE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL'S PRIVILEGES. HE EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, AS TO WHY SYRIA WAS PUSHING THE ISSUE AND WONDERED OUT

LOUD WHETHER ARAB CAUSE WAS NOT BETTER SERVED BY HAVING ISRAEL IN THE UN ORGANIZATION. DCM PURSUED THIS LINE OF THOUGHT, SUGGESTING THAT HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL IN THE 1960S HAD ILLUSTRATED DIFFICULTIES THAT UN MEMBERSHIP OFTEN PRESENTED TO ISRAELIS. WHILE ISRAELIS REGULARLY PROFESS NOT TO CARE WHAT UN SAYS OR DOES, THEY ARE A DEMOCRACY AND THEIR PUBLIC OPINION GETS VERY EXERCISED OVER UN ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES. THIS REQUIRES REGULAR PARLIAMENTARY AND EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY EFFORTS BY ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK.

3. HADDAD AGREED THAT IT MADE LITTLE SENSE TO PUSH ISRAEL INTO POSITION OF EXILE FROM WORLD ORGANIZATION IN MANNER OF GERMANY AND ITALY BEFORE WORLD WAR II. HE SAID HE JUST EXPRESSED THIS THOUGHT TO CZECH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WHO CALLED ON HIM TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM. DCM REITERATED THAT WISDOM OF RELIEVING ISRAEL OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD UN SEEMED QUESTIONABLE EVEN FROM STRICTLY ARAB POINT OF VIEW, QUITE APART FROM LEGAL ARGUMENTS PRESENTED IN AIDE MEMOIRE AND LARGER QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS THAT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH FEEL QUITE STRONGLY ON MATTERS AFFECTING UN CHARTER.

4. HADDAD INTIMATED HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA BUT GAVE NO INDICATION THIS WOULD MAKE ANY CHANGE IN LEBANESE APPROACH TOWARD THE ISSUE AS REPORTED ELSEWHERE.
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